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Applicant(s): Houser et al.

Docket No.: N.C. 83,517

**Conclusion**

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's Office Action has been fully responded to and that the claims are in condition for allowance. In the furtherance of compact prosecution, if a personal or telephone interview would help expedite matters, the Examiner is requested to contact Steve Hunnius at 202-404-1554.

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Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Application No.: 10/091,021

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For: Hyperbranched Cherr &gt;selective Silicon-Based Polymers for Chemical Sensor Applications

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NC 69,577

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	28	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	28 minus 20 = *	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 minus 3 = *	1
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SMALL ENTITY TYPE	OTHER THAN OR SMALL ENTITY
RATE	FEES
BASIC FEE	370.00
OR	BASIC FEE
X\$ 9=	740.00
OR	X\$18=
X42=	144
OR	X84=
+140=	84
OR	+280=
TOTAL	648
OR	TOTAL

SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN OR SMALL ENTITY
RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
OR	X\$18=
X42=	
OR	X84=
+140=	
OR	+280=
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE

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